



From left: Netherlands' Queen Maxima, King Willem-Alexander, Princess Alexia, Princess Amalia and Princess Ariane, during festivities in Dordrecht, Netherlands, Monday, April 27, 2015. Monarch Willem-Alexander is turning 48 and the whole country is celebrating King's Day.

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The Netherlands Turns All Orange for King's Day



From left: Prince Pieter-Christiaan, Princess Anita, King Willem-Alexander, Princess Amalia, Princess Alexia, Queen Maxima, Princess Ariane, Princess Laurentien and Prince Constantijn during festivities in Dordrecht, Netherlands, Monday, April 27, 2015. Monarch Willem-Alexander is turning 48 and the whole country is celebrating King's Day. The national holiday brought the king to Dordrecht, a city close to the port of Rotterdam, to set off a full day of celebrations under sunny skies among thousands of well-wishers in orange-colored outfits.

(AP Photo/Frank van Beek, Pool)

DORDRECHT, Netherlands — The Netherlands turned out in orange on Monday and the famed national football team arch Willem-Alexander wasn't even playing. Monarch Willem-Alexander turned 48 and the whole

country celebrated King's Day. The national holiday brought the king to Dordrecht, a city close to the port of Rotterdam, to set off a full day of celebrations under sunny skies among thousands of well-wishers in orange-colored outfits.

The celebrations will end with hundreds of evening parties across the nation of 16.8 million.

The highlight of the day-time celebrations was an armada of pleasure boats going down the river as Willem-Alexander, Queen Maxima and their three daughters were taken around in a vessel turned out with orange flowers.

Celebrating the monarch's anniversary has been a tradition for several generations in the Netherlands.

In Amsterdam boats crammed the famed canals to join the party to honor the king.

"I am supporting our monarchy, they provide a good atmosphere and represent our country abroad in the best possible way," said student Rob Visser. □

At Press Time:

Baltimore shaken by violent riots after Gray funeral

JESSICA GRESKO Associated Press
TOM FOREMAN Jr. BALTIMORE (AP) — Rioters

looted stores and hurled rocks and bricks at Baltimore police Monday, injuring several officers just hours after thousands mourned the man who died after suffering a severe spinal injury in police custody. Seven officers were hurt. Some had broken bones, and one was unresponsive, said Capt. Eric Kowalczyk. Television footage showed

die Gray, whose fatal encounter with officers came amid the national debate over police use of force, especially when black suspects are involved. Gray was African-American. Gray's family was shocked by the violence and was lying low; instead, they hoped to organize a peace march later in the week, said family attor-

The 2,500-capacity New Shiloh Baptist church was filled with mourners. But even the funeral could not ease mounting tensions. Police said in a news release sent while the funeral was underway that the department had received a "credible threat" that three notoriously violent gangs are now working together to "take out" law enforce-

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A man walks past a burning police vehicle, Monday, April 27, 2015, during unrest following the funeral of Freddie Gray in Baltimore. Gray died from spinal injuries about a week after he was arrested and transported in a Baltimore Police Department van.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

a police cruiser in flames and stores being overrun by small groups of people. Officers using shields and wearing helmets used pepper-spray in an effort to keep the rioters back. A helicopter circled overhead as groups of rioters moved through the city. One group piled onto and rode a car as it drove down the street. Officers for the most part formed lines to keep protesters at bay. Maryland's governor put the National Guard 'on alert' to respond to the looting and violence and a Major League Baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and Chicago White Sox was postponed because of safety concerns. Monday's riot was the latest flare-up over the mysterious death of 25-year-old Fred-

ney Billy Murphy. He said they did not know the riot was going to happen and urged calm. "They don't want this movement nationally to be marred by violence," he said. "It makes no sense." Police urged parents to locate their children and bring them home. Many of those on the streets appeared to be African-American youths, wearing backpacks and khaki pants that are a part of many public school uniforms. The riot broke out just as high school let out, and at a key city bus depot for student commuters. Many who had never met Gray gathered earlier in the day in a Baltimore church to bid him farewell and press for more accountability among law enforcement.

ment officers. A small group of mourners started lining up about two hours ahead of Monday's funeral. Placed atop Gray's body was a white pillow with a screened picture of him. A projector aimed at two screens on the walls showed the words "Black Lives Matter & All Lives Matter." The service lasted nearly two hours, with dignitaries in attendance including former Maryland representative and NAACP leader Kweisi Mfume and current Maryland Rep. John Sarbanes. With the Rev. Jesse Jackson sitting behind him, the Rev. Jamal Bryant gave a rousing and spirited eulogy for Freddie Gray, a message that received a standing ovation from the crowded church. □

Tuesday's the day: Gay marriage arguments at Supreme Court

MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tuesday is a potential watershed moment for America's gay and lesbian couples. After rapid changes that have made same-sex marriage legal in all but 14 states, the Supreme Court will hear arguments over whether it should be the law of the land.

All eyes will be on the justices for any signals that they are prepared to rule that the Constitution forbids states from defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. On the sidewalk outside, people have been waiting in line since Friday for prized seats for the historic arguments. The cases before the court come from four states, all of which had their marriage bans upheld by the federal appeals court in Cincinnati in November. That is the only federal appeals court that has ruled in favor of the states since the Supreme Court in 2013 struck down part of the federal anti-gay marriage law.

The first state to allow gay and lesbian couples to marry was Massachusetts, in 2004. Even as recently as October, barely a third of the states permitted it. Now, same-sex couples can marry in 36 states and the District of Columbia, a dramatic change in the law that has been accom-

panied by an equally fast shift in public opinion.

Now that everyone else has weighed in through mountains of legal briefs, the justices get to say, or at least hint, what they will decide. On Tuesday, five lawyers will present arguments over 2½ hours to help the court conclude whether, on this question, the 14 remaining states must join the rest of the country.

The main thrust of the states' case is to reframe the debate.

"This case is not about the best marriage definition. It is about the fundamental question regarding how our democracy resolves such debates about social policy: Who decides, the people of each state or the federal judiciary?" John Bursch, representing the state of Michigan, wrote in his main brief to the court. Other arguments by the states and more than five dozen briefs by their defenders warn the justices of harms that could result "if you remove the man-woman definition and replace it with the genderless any-two-persons definition," said Gene Schaerr, a Washington lawyer.

The push for same-sex marriage comes down to fairness, said Mary Bonauto, who will argue on behalf of the plaintiffs. The people who have brought their cases to the Supreme Court are "real people

who are deeply committed to each other. Yet they are foreclosed from making that commitment simply because of who they

echoes of the 1967 Loving v. Virginia case, in which the Supreme Court struck down state bans on interracial marriage. In that case,

But many people believe the justices will take the final step toward what gay rights supporters call marriage equality, in part be-



Sean Varsho, 28, of Chicago, left, and Brandon Dawson, 26, of Warrenton Va., have been waiting in line for the past three days for a seat for Tuesday's Supreme Court hearing on gay marriage, Monday, April 27, 2015, in Washington. The opponents of same-sex marriage are urging the court to resist embracing what they see as a radical change in society's view of what constitutes marriage.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

are," she told reporters last week. Arguments made by Bonauto, other lawyers for same-sex couples and more than six dozen supporting briefs have strong

the justices were unanimous in finding that those bans violated the constitutional rights of interracial couples. No one expects unanimity this time around.

cause they allowed court orders in favor of same-sex couples to take effect even as the issue made its way through the federal court system. □

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Death penalty protesters stand outside federal court, Monday, April 27, 2015, in Boston, during the penalty phase of the federal trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was convicted of the Boston Marathon bombings that killed three and injured 260 people in April 2013.

(AP Photo/Justin Saglio)

Boston Marathon bomber's lawyer urges jury to spare his life

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's lawyers urged a jury Monday to spare his life, portraying him as "a good kid" who was led down the path to terrorism by his fanatical older brother.

David Bruck delivered the defense's opening statement in the penalty phase of Tsarnaev's trial, saying there is no punishment Tsarnaev can get that would be equal to the suffering of the victims.

"There is no evening the scales," Bruck said. "There is no point in trying to hurt him as he hurt because it can't be done."

Tsarnaev, 21, was convicted of 30 federal charges in the twin bombings that killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 other people near the marathon's finish line on April

15, 2013. He was also convicted of killing an MIT police officer during the Tsarnaev brothers' getaway attempt.

This stage of the trial will determine whether he is executed or spends the rest of his life behind bars.

Bruck urged the jury to sentence the defendant to life in prison without the possibility of ever being released.

"His legal case will be over for good, and no martyrdom, just years and years of punishment," the lawyer said. "All the while, society is protected."

Bruck focused heavily on Tsarnaev's now-dead older brother, Tamerlan, portraying him as a volatile figure who led the plot. He said Tamerlan was "consumed by jihad" and had "power" over an admiring Dzhokhar. Bruck contrasted Tamerlan with Dzhokhar, saying Tamerlan was loud and

aggressive, got into fights, failed at everything he did and never held a steady job, while Dzhokhar was a good student in high school, was loved by his teachers there, had many friends and never got in trouble.

"He was a good kid," the lawyer said. But he said Tsarnaev started going downhill in college, when his parents divorced and returned to Russia, and he was left with Tamerlan as the de facto head of the family.

Bruck said the defense will not claim that Tamerlan forced Dzhokhar to participate in the attack. But he said "if Tamerlan hadn't led the way," the bombing wouldn't have taken place.

Tamerlan went to Russia for six months in 2012 to join jihadi fighters and returned to the U.S. even more radicalized, Bruck said. □

Prosecutor: 2 exams found James Holmes to be sane

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Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AP) — A prosecutor declared Monday that two psychiatric exams found Colorado theater gunman James Holmes to be sane as he meticulously plotted a mass murder, considering a bomb or biological warfare before settling on a shooting so that he could inflict more "collateral damage."

"Meticulous" was the word Holmes used twice during the exams, District Attorney George Brauchler said, marking the start of a long-awaited, lengthy and emotionally wrenching trial to determine if he'll be executed, spend his life in prison, or be committed to an institution as criminally insane.

The former neuroscience student has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to murdering 12 people and wounding 70 at a midnight "Batman" premiere nearly three years ago.

Jurors must eventually decide whether he was unable to know right from wrong because of a mental illness or defect when he slipped into the theater, unleashed tear gas and marched up and down the aisles, firing at people who tried to flee.

"Through this door is horror. Through this door are bullets, blood, brains and bodies. Through this door, one guy who thought as if he had lost his career, lost his love life, lost his purpose, came to execute a plan," said Brauchler, standing before a scale model of the theater.

"Four-hundred people came into a boxlike theater to be entertained, and one person came to slaughter them," the prosecutor said.

Holmes' public defender, Daniel King, countered that 20 doctors who examined him in custody as well as the therapist who saw him before the shootings all agree he suffers from schizophrenia, a psychotic brain disease that skewed his thoughts and compelled him to kill.

"He was a good kid" who had no record of ever harming anyone before he had a psychotic delusion that compelled him to murder 12 people and wound 70 at a midnight "Batman" premiere nearly three years ago, King said.

Holmes is accused of 166 counts of first-degree murder, attempted murder and an explosives offense for the mayhem he caused in suburban Denver on July 20, 2012.

It remains one of America's deadliest shootings, and that Holmes was the lone gunman has never been in doubt. He was arrested at the scene, along with an arsenal of weapons on his body and in his car.

Holmes sat quietly as Brauchler described his emotional rise and fall, interspersing facts about the defendant's life with poignant details about his victims. He said the once-promising doctoral candidate told his ex-girlfriend that he had an "evil" plan "to kill people" but that she dismissed what he said as "theoretical." □

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US Financial Front:

With economy uncertain, no Fed rate hike is seen before fall

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For 6½ years, the Federal Reserve has held its key interest rate near zero, and for nearly that long the financial world has speculated about when the Fed will start raising it.

Don't look for it soon.

That's the view of most economists, who say a still-subpar economy and still-low inflation will keep rates at record lows at least until September.

On Wednesday, the Fed could clarify its plans after ending its latest policy meeting. Analysts caution, though, against expecting any specific guidance on the Fed's timetable for a rate hike. Too many uncertainties still surround the U.S. economy. The Fed's policymakers may want to leave themselves maneuvering room until their view of the economy's health becomes clearer.

After its March meeting, the Fed opened the door to a rate increase this year by no longer saying it would be "patient" in starting to raise its benchmark rate. Most economists had said that dropping "patient" from its statement would mean the Fed could raise rates as soon as June — a step that would course through the economy and could slow borrowing and squeeze stocks and bonds. Yet at a news conference later, Chair Janet Yellen stressed that while the Fed had removed "patient" to describe its approach to raising rates, it still hadn't decided when to start raising them. Yellen said any decision would depend mainly on what the latest economic data showed. And the data since then has been disappointing.

Employers added just 126,000 workers last month, the fewest since December 2013, breaking a 12-month streak of gains above 200,000. Gauges of manufacturing, housing and consumer spending of late have been weak to modest. A sharp drop in oil and gasoline prices had been expected to help boost consumer spending. So far, it hasn't. The economic impact has been mainly negative — layoffs by oil-industry states and cutbacks in investments by energy companies.

As a result, economists have been downgrading their growth estimates for the January-March quarter. Many now peg growth last quarter at a sluggish annual rate below 1 percent. That would be the weakest since the economy shrank in last year's first quarter amid a brutal winter.

Harsh weather inflicted damage early this year, too, as did supply disruptions caused by a labor dispute at West Coast ports. But the biggest drag on the economy has been a sustained rise in the dollar's value.

The stronger dollar has hurt American manufacturers by making their goods costlier overseas. It's also made cheaper foreign imports more competitive in the United States, thereby squeezing sales of U.S. companies and depressing profits. Lower import prices have helped hold U.S. inflation below the Fed's long-run target of 2 percent rate. William Dudley, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, suggested last week that the stronger dollar would likely depress growth this year. Dudley's comments and others by Fed officials have fed the



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, attends the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) at the World Bank-International Monetary Fund annual meetings in Washington.

(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)


growing belief that a Fed rate hike before fall is unlikely.

In the midst of this week's

Fed's meeting, the government will issue its first estimate of growth for the first quarter. The figure is



expected to fall below the modest 2.2 percent annual rate for the October-December quarter. □

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At Press Time:

Nepal quake death toll tops 4,000; villages plead for aid



Nepalese soldiers carry a wounded man on a makeshift stretcher to a waiting Indian air force helicopter as they evacuate victims of Saturday's earthquake from Trishuli Bazar to Kathmandu airport in Nepal, Monday, April 27, 2015. The death toll from Nepal's earthquake is expected to rise depended largely on the condition of vulnerable mountain villages that rescue workers were still struggling to reach two days after the disaster.

(AP Photo/Altat Qadri)

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Associated Press**

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) —

As the death toll from Nepal's devastating earthquake climbed past 4,000, aid workers and officials in remote, shattered villages near the epicenter pleaded Monday for food, shelter and medicine.

Help poured in after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake, with countries large and small sending medical and rescue teams, aircraft and basic supplies. The small airport in the capital of Kathmandu was congested and chaotic, with some flights forced to turn back early in the day.

Buildings in parts of the city were reduced to rubble, and there were shortages of food, fuel, electricity and shelter. As bodies were recovered, relatives cremated the dead along the Bagmati River, and at least a dozen pyres burned late into the night.

Conditions were far worse in the countryside, with rescue workers still struggling to reach mountain villages two days after the earthquake.

Some roads and trails to the Gorkha district, where the quake was centered, were blocked by landslides — but also by traffic jams that regularly clog the route north of Kathmandu.

"There are people who are not getting food and shelter. I've had reports of villages where 70 percent of the houses have been destroyed," said Uday Prashad Timalina, the top official for the Gorkha region. World Vision aid worker Matt Darvas arrived in the district in the afternoon and said almost no assistance had reached there ahead of him.

Newer concrete buildings were intact, Darvas said, but some villages were reported to be devastated. He cited a "disturbing" report from the village of Singla, where up to 75 percent of the buildings may have collapsed and there has been no contact since Saturday night.

In the villages that have been reached, World Vision said the greatest needs were for search-and-rescue teams, food, blankets, tarps and medical treatment.

Timalina said 223 people had been confirmed dead in Gorkha district but he presumed "the number would go up because there are thousands who are injured."

He said his district had not received enough help from the central government, but Jagdish Pokhrel, a clearly exhausted army spokesman, said nearly the entire 100,000-soldier army was involved in rescue operations.

"We have 90 percent of the army out there working on search and rescue," he said. "We are focusing our efforts on that, on saving lives."

Nepal's Home Ministry said the country's death toll had risen to 4,010. Another 61 were killed in neighboring India, and China's official Xinhua News Agency reported 25 dead in Tibet. At least 18 of the dead were killed at Mount Everest as the quake unleashed an avalanche that buried part of the base camp packed with foreign climbers preparing to make their summit attempts.

At least 7,180 people were injured in the quake, police said. Tens of thousands are estimated to be left homeless.



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Yemen's exiled government declares 3 disaster zones



An elderly man supporting Shiite rebels known as Houthis holds his rifle as he attends a protest denounce the Saudi-led airstrikes, in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday, April 27, 2015. Yemen's exiled government on Monday declared three areas in the country engulfed in fighting between Shiite rebels, their allies and pro-government forces as "disaster" zones, including the southern port city of Aden, and said that the month of violence has claimed 1,000 civilian lives.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's exiled government on Monday declared three areas in the country engulfed in fighting between Shiite rebels, their allies and

pro-government forces as "disaster" zones, including the southern port city of Aden, and said that the last month of violence has claimed 1,000 civilian lives. The crisis in Yemen, the Arab world's most im-

poverished country, has deepened since March 26, when a Saudi-led coalition launched airstrikes aimed at rolling back territorial gains by the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies, loyalists of ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The country's internationally recognized President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi fled last month to Riyadh and his government now

operates from the Saudi capital.

On Monday, the government raised the alarm for Aden as well as the cities of Taiz and Dhale, saying there is no electricity or water there and that these cities have run out of fuel, medical supplies and food. "These cities are on verge of collapse," said Minister of Communications Nadia Saqqaf.

The three cities have also

been the focus of a pressing offensive by the Houthis and Saleh's forces. While they have resisted the rebels' assault, pro-government forces, consisting mainly of poorly-armed and lightly-equipped militias, have failed to protect civilians caught in the cross-fire.

Saqqaf said nearly a quarter million Yemenis, out of a population of 25 million, have been displaced. □



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Head of Iran's Guard lashes out over Saudi 'treachery'

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The head of Iran's Revolutionary Guard on Monday accused Saudi Arabia of treachery against the Islamic world and compared the kingdom to Israel, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Today, the treacherous Saudis are following in Israel's footsteps," Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari was quoted as saying.

"Saudi Arabia is shamelessly and disgracefully bombing and mass killing a nation that is fighting against the arrogant system," or world powers, he said. He was apparently referring to

Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition has been waging a monthlong air campaign against Iran-supported rebels, known as Houthis.

Iran has provided the Houthis with political and humanitarian support but denies arming them. The Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, last year, and Yemen's internationally recognized president has fled the country.

Iranian leaders have repeatedly criticized the airstrikes and said the Saudi-led campaign is doomed to fail. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei went so far as to call the airstrikes in Yemen "genocide." □

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KHARTOUM, Sudan - President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan was declared to have been re-elected Monday, winning 94 percent of the vote in balloting that was boycotted by opposition groups and marred by low turnout and public apathy. Mukhtar al-Asam, head of the Sudanese Elections Committee, said that 46 percent of eligible voters had cast presidential ballots in four days of voting that began April 13, and that the turnout was lowest in the capital, Khartoum, and its surroundings, at just 34 percent. "The elections were useless," said Mouyaser Hasan, 26, an engineer in Khartoum who said



President Omar al-Bashir raises his arm as his supporters cheer at his victory speech after he won the presidential election at the National Congress Party headquarters in Khartoum, Sudan, Monday, April 27, 2015. Al-Bashir won re-election with 94 percent of the vote, according to official results announced Monday, extending his 25-year rule despite international war crimes charges and multiple insurgencies.

(AP Photo/Jason Patinkin)

he did not vote.

Fifteen largely unknown candidates ran against al-

Bashir for the presidency.

Forty-four political parties contested seats in local

legislatures and the National Assembly, where the ruling National Congress Party won 323 of the 426 seats. Western governments had criticized al-Bashir's administration for holding the elections at this time. The United States, Britain and Norway said in a joint statement last week that the Sudanese government had failed "to create a free, fair, and conducive elections environment."

"Restrictions on political rights and freedoms, counter to the rights enshrined in the Sudanese Constitution, the lack of a credible national dialogue and the continuation of armed conflict in Sudan's peripheries are among the reasons for the reported low

participation and very low voter turnout," the statement said. "The outcome of these elections cannot be considered a credible expression of the will of the Sudanese people."

Some analysts said the low turnout was a setback for the party, even though hardly any votes were cast against al-Bashir.

Abdelwahab El-Affendi, a professor of political science at the University of Westminster in London, said the ruling party "wanted the election as a referendum and a bargaining chip with the opposition and the international community," but that "its gamble has backfired badly, because of the poor showing and lackluster participation." □

Kazakhstan's President re-elected by almost every voter

ANDREW ROTH

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MOSCOW - Election officials in Kazakhstan announced on Monday that

voters had re-elected an incumbent who has governed the country since the Soviet Union collapsed, in an election that only ever

had one likely winner. Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, 74, won his fifth successive term in a snap presidential election in which

voters headed to the polls in droves on Sunday. In a televised news conference, election officials said Monday that Nazarbayev had taken 97.7 percent of the vote.

The Central Election Commission of Kazakhstan said that turnout was higher than 95 percent, meaning that nearly 93 of every 100 voting-age Kazakh citizens had headed to the polls and cast a ballot for Nazarbayev.

Nazarbayev's two opponents, who support the current government and were seen as playing a perfunctory role in the elections, won a combined 2.3 percent.

Nazarbayev on Monday morning dared the West to criticize his victory.

"I apologize if these num-

bers are unacceptable for the superdemocratic countries, but there was nothing I could do," Nazarbayev said at a televised news conference in Astana, the capital. "If I had interfered, it would have been undemocratic."

The chairman of the elections commission called the vote a landmark "expression of civil society, electoral activeness and political responsibility."

The election, which was called in February, was seen as a move by Nazarbayev to win a vote of confidence as Kazakhstan, Central Asia's largest country, faces a daunting economic slowdown driven by the collapse in oil prices and regional instability because of the crisis in Ukraine. □



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Ukraine leader sees country ready for EU entrance in 5 years

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) —

Ukraine's president said at a high-level summit with European Union officials Monday that his country will be able to meet conditions to apply for EU membership within five years.

While Kiev looks to the distant future, however, anxiety is heightening over the souring security situation in the east of the country, where fighting continues to rage between government and separatist forces. Speaking at the start of talks in Kiev, President Petro Poroshenko called on the EU to support his initiative to deploy international peacekeepers in war-stricken regions. European leaders have to date resisted such appeals.

Guiding Ukraine toward integration with Europe was at the heart of the movement that culminated in last year's toppling of former President Viktor Yanukovich, who provoked anger by canceling plans to deepen trade ties with EU. In an opinion piece published in the Guardian

newspaper before the summit, Poroshenko described the revolt against Yanukovich as "an affirmation of the European values of fairness and the rule of law." Ukraine last year reversed track and sealed an association agreement with the EU. European Council President Donald Tusk said at a news conference after the talks that Brussels wanted a "deep and comprehensive free trade agreement to apply as of Jan. 1."

Poroshenko said Brussels had an important role to play in ensuring that Ukraine's course toward the EU was smooth. "Help from the EU should enable strengthening the

faith of Ukrainians in the irreversibility of Ukraine's future



Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, center, joins hands with European Council President Donald Tusk, left, and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, ahead of a EU-Ukraine summit, in Kiev, Ukraine, Monday, April 27, 2015.

(AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

in the EU and the need to endure a sometimes painful but not insurmountable process," he said. □

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Gunman shouting Allahu akbar in Bosnia storms police station

AIDA CERKEZ

Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) —

A gunman stormed into a police station in a northeastern Bosnian town shouting "Allahu akbar" on Monday, killing a policeman and wounding two others, authorities said.

The gunman was also killed during the attack in the town of Zvornik, police spokeswoman Aleksandra Simojlovic told The Associated Press. "Allahu Akbar" is the Arabic phrase for "God is great."

The Bosnian Serb police chief, Dragan Lukac, iden-

tified the man as Nerdin Ibrić. Zvornik is a town in the Bosnian Serb part of the country and it is located on the border with Serbia. Before the 1992-95 war, about 60 percent of the town's population was Muslim Bosnians. Almost all were expelled and many were

killed during the war as part of a Serb campaign to create a purely Serb area. Serbs managed to control half of Bosnia by the time the U.S. brokered a peace agreement in 1995 under which each warring party could keep their conquered territory. □

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Uruguay urges ex-Guantanamo detainees to sign for housing

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Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — Uruguay's foreign minister said Monday that six former Guantanamo Bay detainees resettled here will be out of a house and off public assistance unless they agree to terms they have so far rejected, the latest in an increasingly public battle over who is financially responsible for the men and for how long. Foreign Minister Rodolfo Nin Novoa made the statements to reporters as four of the men kept up a protest in front of the U.S. Embassy that they began Friday, spending the nights with sleeping bags. The agreement drawn up by a local agency that

works with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees promises the men free private housing through February 2016 and a continuation of the monthly stipend of \$600 (15,000 pesos) that they have been receiving since arriving. "If they don't sign, they won't receive any income," Nin Novoa said. Five of the six have refused to sign, saying the Uruguayan government promised more help with housing than stipulated in the agreement. They also complain that the government wants them to pay taxes out of their stipend, which they say already isn't enough to cover all their costs, and demand the U.S. government help since

they spent a dozen years in prison and were never convicted of any crime. "We will stay (in front of the embassy) until we have solutions to our problems," Ali Husain Shaaban told The Associated Press. "We want our rights. Nothing more, nothing less." Shaaban, from Syria, says Nin Novoa told them in a recent private meeting that as political refugees they would be provided for as long as they were in Uruguay. Nin Novoa said that was a misunderstanding, possibly because of a bad translation. "They thought the agreement would be for three years when it's really for one year," said Nin Novoa, though he added that the



Three freed Guantanamo Bay detainees, who were resettled in Uruguay, protest outside the U.S. embassy in Montevideo, Uruguay. From left are Omar Abdelahdi Faraj and Ali Husain Shaaban, both of Syria, and Adel bin Muhammad El Overghi, of Tunisia.

(AP Photo/Nicolas Garrido)

country would continue helping them when the agreement expired but didn't say how. The men, who allegedly had ties to al-Qaida, spent more than 12 years in

Guantanamo before being released to Uruguay in December, and argue America should help them, as well. They are demanding to meet with the U.S. ambassador in Uruguay. □

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Officials:

US woman dies at Dominican Republic plastic surgery clinic

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Dominican authorities have shut down a plastic surgery clinic as they investigate the death of a U.S. woman who traveled to the Caribbean country to undergo a liposuction procedure, officials said Sunday. The prosecutor's office in Santo Domingo said the 23-year-old woman traveled to the Dominican Republic two days before her April 23 procedure but did not disclose where she was from in the U.S. The clinic is run by Dr. Edgar Contreras, who has been the subject of three other probes by Dominican investigators over the years. He could not be immediately contacted for comment.

The U.S. citizen is the fourth woman and the second American who has died so far this year at Dominican plastic surgery clinics. They include a 35-year-old from Hawaii identified who authorities say died after a liposuction procedure and a 24-year-old woman who died from an embolism in February after undergoing surgery to have implants removed from her buttocks. Last year, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least 19 women in five states had developed serious mycobacterial wound infections following cosmetic procedures in the Dominican Republic such as liposuction, tummy tucks and breast implants. □



The Press Was Impressed: US Press Members Delight in Divi's Hospitality

EAGLE BEACH - Ten top journalists from the US and Canada graced the island with their presence just recently including writers from famous print and on-line magazines. The group was carefully selected by the Zimmerman Agency, and hosted on the island by Beverley David, Director of Marketing and Tabitha Fecunda, Island Marketing & Promotion Manager, Divi Resorts, who jointly or-



chestrated a varied and exciting familiarization trip program.

The group enjoyed unique activities and sumptuous meals, and on its last night on the island experienced the cuisine at three of Divi's famous gems: Sipping champagne cocktails paired with butler passed hors d'oeuvres at

Mulligan's Golf Cafe, Bar & Restaurant, savoring delectable main courses and desserts at Windows on Aruba and delighting in after dinner drinks and dance music at Fusion Wine & Piano bar.

Press members agreed that their favorite portion of the Aruba trip, was their beach day at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort,

and their unforgettable night at the Alhambra Ca-

sino & Shops.

In order to produce the long, fun-filled Aruba weekend, Divi partnered with the Aruba Tourism Authority, successfully showcasing the island to the writers who will spread the word on how special their experience here was.

Divi's team from the Flamingo in Bonaire, General Manager Charles Vos and his Food & Beverage Manager joined the journalists

for a full day on Saturday, in order to promote Bonaire as a dive destination among Divi's Caribbean properties which include Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort and Divi Dutch Village Beach Resort on Aruba; Divi Southwinds Beach Resort on Barbados; Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino on Bonaire and Divi Little Bay Beach Resort on St. Maarten. □



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Mrs. Sheryl Weine. The honorees are loyal members of the Marriott Vacation Club and they love Aruba for the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, and they always say that Aruba is truly 'One Happy Island.' The certificates were presented by Ms. Marouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority in the presence of Jenny and Stephanie from the Marriott Resorts. □

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At MooMba:

A Romantic Proposal on the Beach: She said `Yes`!

PALM BEACH - Last Wednesday will be an unforgettable date for John McQuaid and Kara Brown because John asked Kara to marry him. John proposed at MooMba Beach, where a stunning sunset formed the backdrop for this momentous occasion. The couple, now officially engaged, is on vacation on the island, so they were already in a celebratory mood, but the proposal put an extra wide smile on their faces. And not only on their faces: all the guests at MooMba Restaurant were aware what was going on and they applauded and cheered when Kara said `Yes`.

From everyone at MooMba Beach: have a wonderful wedding day and live happily ever after. And don't forget to come back to Aruba to celebrate each anniversary! Congratulations, John and Kara! ☐





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Chef Urvin Announces Festival of Flavors Menu for April

PALM BEACH - Chef Urvin Croes, born and raised in Aruba, graduated from Dutch culinary school and went on to gain experience in Michelin star restaurants in Europe. Coming back to Aruba, Chef Urvin had a dream to open Aruba's first fine dining, modern gourmet cuisine restaurant. With the opening of White Modern Cuisine in 2012, that dream came true, and White Modern Cuisine is now recognized as one of Aruba's best fine dining establishments, having been named Aruba's #1 modern cuisine restaurant and winner of numerous other culinary awards.

The local and international acceptance and enthusiasm for White Modern Cuisine gave Chef Urvin the confidence and inspiration to work towards his next vision.

He talks with passion about the inspiration he found in the typical Aruban and Caribbean dishes he grew up with and how he envisioned bringing these typical tastes to a level of haute cuisine. So when he was approached by Blue Residences, right across from Eagle Beach, in the summer of 2014, he did not hesitate, opening the now most talked about gourmet restaurant, The Kitchen Table by White.

At The Kitchen Table by



White, Chef Urvin is revolutionizing the way vacationers and islanders regard Aruban and Caribbean cuisine. Using a monthly changing, fixed menu concept for the 16 seat restaurant, guests are surprised by elegant and exquisite dishes, with the option to be perfectly paired with a wide-ranging selection of fine wine.

For the April menu, Chef Urvin tempts us with descriptions of amuse-bouches that give homage to spring; a trio of scrumptious morsels where fresh carrots, locally grown tomatoes and crab each have a starring role and start you off on a magnificent culinary journey.

Hungry for Lion fish or ready to try this delicious fish for the first time? Another highlight on this month's menu is the Lion Fish Chowder, served with a Bavarois of celery. Restaurants that

serve Lion fish support vital conservation efforts; Lion fish is a responsible and sustainable choice in seafood.



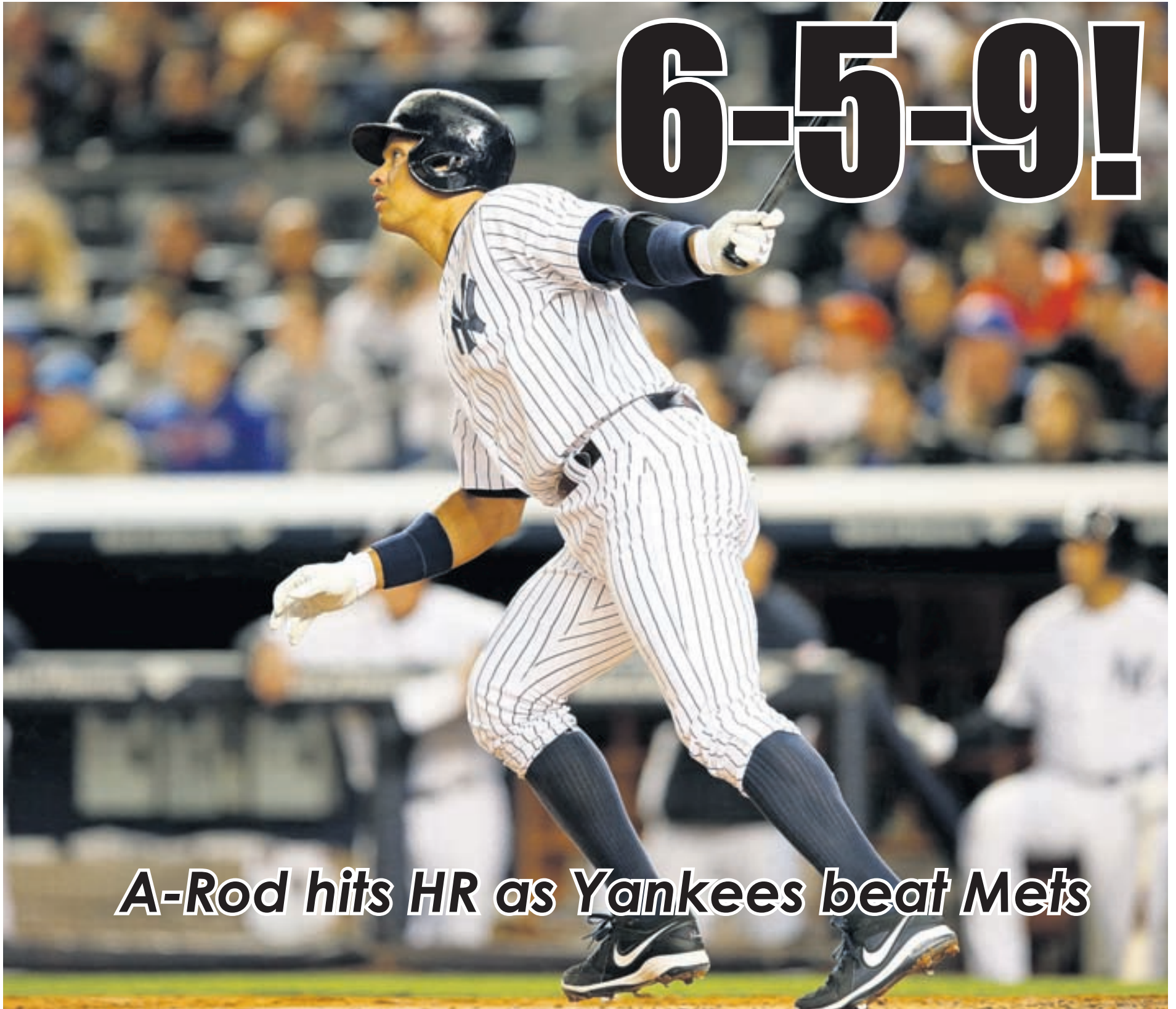
Back for the third month in a row is the wildly popular Keshi Yena, a very traditional Aruban dish, prepared as only Chef Urvin knows how: surprising, delectable, remarkable. New on the menu are the Lamb Roti, inspired by Indian influences in the Carib-

bean, made with The Kitchen Table's own Madras curry, and the Papaya Stoba, a papaya stew with veal. The Papaya Stoba recipe is based on the recipe of the chef's grandmother and in true Chef Urvin's style would not be out-of-place in a Michelin star restaurant. The April dining experience is topped off with a Sunchi Surprise, a Meringue and Key Lime inspired dessert, The Kitchen Table way. For a truly decadent grand finale, Chef Urvin concocted a Chocolate cake served with Salty Caramel

gence for all your senses. Chef Urvin and his staff prepare the meal before your eyes, and the restaurant's walls are an ever changing art gallery. Here they showcase a myriad of talented Caribbean artists, which you can enjoy if you can take your eyes off the art on your plate long enough. Open now for less than a year, the restaurant was recently named the #1 Caribbean restaurant on Aruba by USA Today. So, if you are a food connoisseur and appreciate the art of dining or are looking for a Caribbean culinary adventure that is on par with a Michelin star experience, The Kitchen Table is the place for you. The many glowing reviews on TripAdvisor speak for themselves.

The concept of The Kitchen Table is based on one seating, fixed menu per night. All guests are requested to join at 7 PM for a sunset cocktail on the restaurant's deck. Seating at The Kitchen Table by White is limited, with only 14 reservations accepted nightly. Make your reservations early, online via reservations@ktbywhite.com, by phone 528-7015 or through the concierge at your resort. For reservations at White Modern Cuisine please call 586-1190. Truly, for food connoisseurs, these restaurants are a must-do while on Aruba. □





A-Rod hits HR as Yankees beat Mets

New York Yankees designated hitter Alex Rodriguez (13) hits a first-inning solo home run in a baseball game against the New York Mets at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, April 26, 2015. Rodriguez now stands at 659 career home runs and needs one more to tie Willie Mays.
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Justin Rose wins in New Orleans for 7th PGA Tour title

BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

AVONDALE, La. (AP) —

Whatever derailed Justin Rose's game appears long gone now.

Sensing he needed to birdie the final two holes to keep the lead, Rose pulled it off with aggressive swings and clutch putts for a one-stroke victory over Cameron Tringale on Sunday in the Zurich Classic.

"Earlier this year it looked impossible to win," Rose said, referring to his three missed cuts and failure to finish better than 37th in his first five starts of 2015. "I'm very happy to have turned my game around."

Rose completed a 7-under 65 in the rain-delayed third round Sunday morning and closed with a 66 at TPC Louisiana for his seventh PGA Tour title. He finished at 22-under 266, a record total on the course southwest of New Orleans that has hosted the city's PGA Tour stop 10 times since 2005.

The Englishman has won at least once in six straight seasons, the second-longest streak on the tour behind Dustin Johnson's eight straight. He's projected to jump from ninth to sixth in the world ranking.

Rose said his drastic improvement two weeks earlier at the Masters, where he tied for second, helped him in the Big Easy.

"I took my Masters performance with a huge amount of confidence," Rose said, recalling in particular the sense of calm he was able to maintain down the stretch at August-



Justin Rose, of England, celebrates after making a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the final round of the Zurich Classic PGA golf tournament, Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Avondale, La. Rose won the tournament.

Associated Press

ta National.

Playing aggressively on the soggy TPC Louisiana, Rose made six birdies in the final round and played the last 66 holes without a bogey. Rose's final two putts from 10 and 13 1/2 feet allowed him to hold off Tringale, who birdied the 18th for a 65. "I'm pleased," said Tringale, who was looking to become the eighth first-time winner in the last 11 years in New Orleans. "To finish one back is still a pretty good week."

Boo Weekley, who led after the first round, finished third at 20 under, and Jim Herman and Jason Day, ranked sixth in the world, tied for fourth at 19 under. When Rose sank his final putt, he punched his right

hand high above his head and looked straight behind the green at roaring fans in the suite of one of his main sponsors, Zurich, which also sponsors the tournament.

He then took off his white cap whipped it across his body and later flexed his left arm to bring attention to the sponsor's logo on his sleeve.

He had to wait about a half-hour before his closest pursuers completed their rounds, but allowed himself to soak up adulation from fans before the result was official.

"I obviously walked off the golf course feeling like I'd done enough," Rose said. "The reception when I came off the golf course was I'd done enough. So

it's hard not to enjoy it."

Rose began the final round tied with Day for the lead at 16 under. But Day, who had to finish most of his third round Sunday morning, hooked his drive into trees lining the left boundary of the second fairway. On the next swing, his ball smacked a tree and bounced right back to him. He wound up with a bogey on the par-5 hole that he birdied in first and third rounds. On 13, he left a 70-yard approach shot short of the green. He said hot, steamy conditions wore him down over the course of 32 holes.

"The early days and the hot days, and just the long days in general kind of finally caught up to me,"

Day said. "I played great all week, but this final round just had a lot of mental errors."

Rose made birdie putts beyond 10 feet on the par-5 seventh and par-4 eighth to improve to 19 under. That was good for the lead until Tringale, several holes behind, birdied the sixth, chipped in for eagle on the seventh and birdied the eighth to reach 20 under. The course, carved out of a cypress swamp, was soggy from rain that had fallen for much of the past month, including heavy downpours that delayed parts of the second and third rounds.

There was standing water on the edges of some fairways and mud in well-worn spots. As players walked the course, their steps produced a sound similar to water being squeezed from a sponge.

Allowed to lift, clean and place their golf balls in the fairways and with no roll of any significance to be found, players swung aggressively and aimed approach shots pin-high.

With the top of the leaderboard tightly packed as Rose stepped to the par-3 17th, he showed no interest in playing it safe, even though the pin was placed to the left side of the green, near a bulkhead dropping down into a water hazard from which alligators looked on. Rose took out his 5-iron and belted a 210-yarder straight toward the pin, landing about 10 feet behind the hole, setting up his clutch birdie putt. □

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Cavs sweep Celts as James scores 27 in 101-93 victory

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James scored 27 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers overcame a shoulder injury to Kevin Love to complete a first-round sweep of the Boston Celtics with a 101-93 victory Sunday.

Love left the court in the first quarter with a dislocated left shoulder, and J.R. Smith was ejected for swinging his arm at Jae Crowder, but the Cavaliers held on to win a series for the first time since 2010, before James left for Miami.

Now Cleveland gets extra time before facing the winner of the Chicago-Milwaukee series.

The Bulls lead 3-1.

The Cavaliers led 57-36 at halftime even though James missed eight of 12 shots and Love left the game for good after becoming entangled with Boston's Kelly Olynyk while chasing a loose ball. Love immediately headed for the locker room.

The Cavaliers said Love would return to Cleveland with the team and receive additional examination, imaging and evaluation

at Cleveland Clinic Sports Health over the next 24 hours before his status is updated.

CLIPPERS 114, SPURS 105

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chris Paul had 34 points and seven assists, and Blake Griffin added 20 points and 19 rebounds, as Los Angeles beat San Antonio to even their first-round series at two games apiece.

J.J. Redick scored 17 points for the Clippers and Austin Rivers provided an unexpected boost off the bench with a postseason career-high 16 points.

Game 5 of the only series that is tied after four games is Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points, Tim Duncan had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Tony Parker added 18 points, but Paul proved too much. Paul hit jumpers over Parker and Duncan in scoring six straight points for the Clippers beginning midway through the fourth quarter. He then drove the lane and kicked out to Redick, who drained a 3-pointer for a 106-92 lead.

WIZARDS 125, RAPTORS 94

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington emphatically completed the first sweep of a seven-game series in club history, getting 23 points from Bradley Beal and 21 points and 11 rebounds from Marcin Gortat to beat Toronto.

Paul Pierce, who repeatedly said he didn't want to have to go back through U.S. Customs for any more games in Canada, added 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter as Washington's lead reached 32 entering the fourth.

Washington has reached the second round of the playoffs in consecutive seasons for the first time since getting to the NBA Finals in 1979,

a year after winning the title.

Next up for the Wizards will be No. 1 seed Atlanta or No. 8 Brooklyn.

MAVERICKS 121, ROCKETS 109

DALLAS (AP) — Monta Ellis scored 31 points, and J.J. Barea had 17 points and 13 assists in his first playoff start since boosting Dallas' run to the 2011 championship



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, center, takes a shot at the basket as Boston Celtics guard Avery Bradley, left, and forward Brandon Bass, right, look on in the third quarter of a first-round NBA playoff basketball game in Boston, Sunday, April 26, 2015.

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as the Mavericks avoided elimination with a victory over Houston.

Dallas cut Houston's lead to 3-1 in the first-round series. Game 5 is Tuesday night in Houston.

The Rockets, trying to wrap up their first postseason series victory since 2009, missed 17 consecutive shots covering the second

and third quarters. The most-prolific 3-point shooting team in NBA history in the regular season was 7 of 31 from long range.

James Harden scored 24 points, and Dwight Howard had 13. But the big man was kept under control after scoring 10 points with two more alley-oop dunks in the first quarter. □

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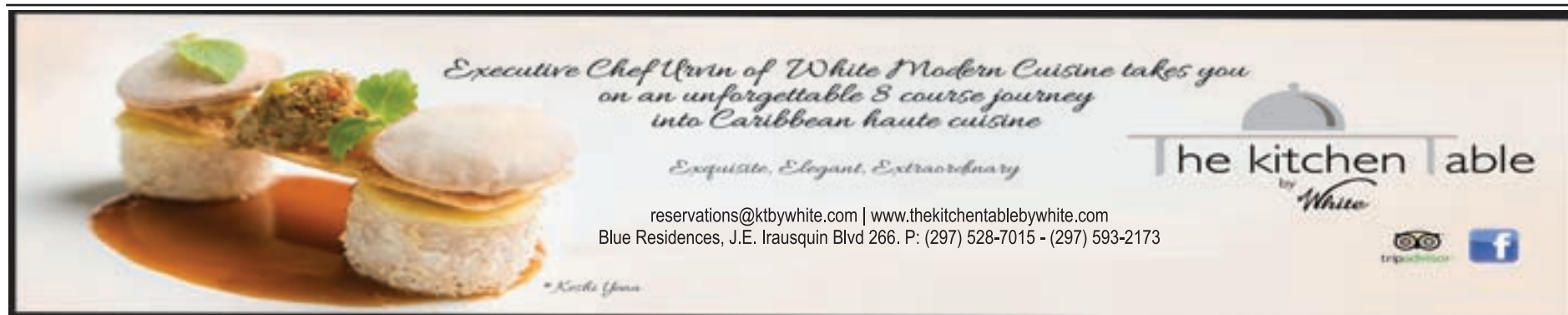
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A-Rod hits No. 659, Yankees win Subway Series

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hit his 659th home run to move within one of Willie Mays for fourth place on the career list as the New York Yankees took advantage of one mistake after another by the suddenly sloppy New York Mets in a 6-4 victory Sunday.

After falling behind early, the Yankees scored four times in the second inning off Jonathon Niese and took two of three in the first Subway Series of the season.

The crosstown rivals meet again at Citi Field in September.

Rodriguez connected in the first inning at Yankee Stadium. He drove a 2-2 curve from Niese (2-1) to right-center, with the ball bouncing off the top of the fence for a solo shot.

It was the fifth homer of the season for A-Rod, who sat out last year while serving a drug suspension.

Five relievers combined to throw 4 2-3 hitless innings for the Yankees. Chasen Shreve (1-0) earned his first major league win by getting cleanup batter Michael Cuddyer to ground into an inning-ending double play with two on in the fifth.

ASTROS 7, ATHLETICS 6

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Evan Gattis hit a two-run double in the ninth inning as American League West-leading Houston completed its first sweep of Oakland.

Evan Gattis hit a two-run double in the ninth inning as the American League West-leading Houston Astros completed their first sweep of the Oakland Athletics with a 7-6 win Sunday.

Gattis matched a career



New York Yankees designated hitter Alex Rodriguez celebrates as he runs the bases on his first-inning, solo home run, against the New York Mets at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, April 26, 2015.

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high with four RBIs. His go-ahead double with one out came after the A's intentionally walked Jed Lowrie to load the bases. Gattis lined a 1-2 pitch from Tyler Clippard (0-2) to the deepest part of the field. Tony Sipp (2-0) retired four batters for the win. Former A's reliever Luke Gregerson pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

TIGERS 8, INDIANS 6

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in three runs as the Tigers beat the Indians.

Cabrera has three homers this season, all against Cleveland, and nine of his 13 RBIs season are against the Indians.

Kyle Lobstein (2-1) picked up the win, allowing three runs and six hits in seven innings.

Joakim Soria pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Carlos Carrasco (2-2) took

the loss for Cleveland, giving up five runs and nine hits and two walks in 4 1-3 innings.

RANGERS 5, ANGELS 4, 11 INNINGS

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Leonys Martin led off the 11th inning with a homer as the Texas Rangers scored another run on Erick Aybar's error before holding on for a victory over the Angels to end a three-game skid.

Jose Alvarez (0-1) was working his second inning of relief when he gave up Martin's 16th homer in 1,121 big league at-bats. Aybar soon after made his second error of the game, misplaying a grounder in the hole by Elvis Andrus. Neftali Feliz (1-1) pitched two innings for the victory.

ORIOLES 18, RED SOX 7

BALTIMORE (AP) — Delmon Young drove in five runs and Chris Davis homered

as the Orioles received a bounce-back pitching performance from Bud Norris in a victory over the Red Sox.

Baltimore took control with a six-run third inning and led 12-0 in the sixth. Davis, Jimmy Paredes and Steve Pearce each contributed three RBIs to the Orioles' second straight win following a five-game skid.

Baltimore finished with 20 hits, three apiece by Young, Davis, Paredes and Rey Navarro.

Norris (1-2) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. The right-hander came in with a 17.42 ERA after allowing 20 earned runs in his first three starts.

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Chris Archer pitched two-hit ball in seven scoreless innings and Brandon Guyer drove in four runs as the Rays won their fifth straight with a win over the Blue Jays.

Archer (3-2) became the first American League pitcher to go four starts within one season without giving up an earned run since Zach Greinke did it for Kansas City in 2009.

Evan Longoria had three straight hits and a walk for the Rays after going 4 for 4 on Saturday. Longoria's batting average rose from .218 to .306 in two games. Guyer hit the second pitch from Mark Buehrle (3-1) for a home run, his first of the season.

WHITE SOX 3, ROYALS 2, RESUMPTION OF SUSPENDED GAME; WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Conor Gillaspie hit a two-run single in Chicago's five-run sixth inning, as the White Sox rallied to beat Kansas City for their second win against the Royals.

The day began with Avisail

Garcia's two-out RBI single sending Chicago to a 3-2 victory in the resumption of a game suspended by rain on Friday night. Then an error on Kansas City third baseman Mike Moustakas helped the White Sox chase Edinson Volquez (2-2) on the way to just their second win in six games this season against the Royals.

John Danks (1-2) pitched six innings of three-run ball while improving to 8-1 in 18 career starts against Kansas City.

David Robertson (2-0) got three outs for his third save in three opportunities after he tossed a scoreless inning for the win in the suspended game.

Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer for Kansas City in the regularly scheduled matchup. Gordon, a four-time Gold Glove winner in left, also made a pair of nice defensive plays, including an outstanding leaping grab on Micah Johnson's foul liner into the stands in the sixth.

Kelvin Herrera (0-1) was the loser in the opener.

TWINS 4, MARINERS 2, 11 INNINGS

SEATTLE (AP) — Joe Mauer hit a two-run triple with two outs in the 11th inning, lifting the Twins over the Mariners.

Mauer got three hits and drove in three runs. In addition to his first triple of the season, he had an RBI double as the Twins won for the third time in four games.

Seth Smith hit his first home run of the year and also doubled for the Mariners.

Seattle reliever Tyler Olson (1-1) walked Chris Herrmann to lead off the 11th. After a sacrifice bunt, Olson intentionally walked Brian Dozier. Shane Robinson fouled out before Mauer's triple. □

NL Capsules

Pirates complete 1st desert sweep with 8-0 win over D-backs



Pittsburgh Pirates' Francisco Liriano throws a pitch against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Phoenix.

The Associated Press

PIRATES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 0

PHOENIX (AP) — Francisco Liriano pitched effectively into the seventh inning in a combined three-hitter and the Pirates completed their first sweep in Arizona.

Making his 200th career start, Liriano (1-1) offset six walks with seven strikeouts and allowed two hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Pedro Alvarez hit a two-run single off Jeremy Hellickson (1-3) in the first inning and Neil Walker added a two-run double off the right-hander in the fifth. Gregory Polanco had three of Pittsburgh's 14 hits and scored three runs.

Pittsburgh has won five straight and eight of 10.

MARLINS 6, NATIONALS 2

MIAMI (AP) — Adeiny Hechavarria hit a bases-loaded triple after a botched rundown kept the inning alive as the Marlins completed their first three-game sweep of the Nationals since May 2012.

The Marlins earned their fifth consecutive victory after a 3-11 start. The defending NL East champion Nationals (7-12) lost their fifth game in a row.

Giancarlo Stanton hit an RBI triple off the top lip of the center field wall, reached on an infield single and scored twice. Miami hit

three triples in a game for the first time since 2000.

Washington's Gio Gonzalez (1-2) allowed 10 hits and six runs in five innings.

Dan Haren (2-1) needed 91 pitches to get through five innings but allowed only two runs.

Nationals right-hander Max Scherzer (sore thumb) will likely be scratched from his next scheduled start Tuesday at Atlanta.

PHILLIES 5, BRAVES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Howard hit his second homer in two games, helping the Phillies beat Atlanta.

Howard's miserable season had already cost him his cleanup spot in the order, and he entered the game batting .189. Howard hit a two-run homer on Friday and a three-run shot in the first inning against Trevor Cahill (0-3) on Sunday.

Jonathan Papelbon had his fourth save. He allowed Alberto Callaspo's pinch-hit solo homer in the ninth. Ben Revere knocked in the go-ahead run with a triple and the Phillies won two of three games in the series. Jerome Williams (2-1) allowed three runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings for the Phillies.

BREWERS 6, CARDINALS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Adam Lind hit a two-run homer as the Brewers beat the Cardinals just their second vic-

tory in the last 12 games.

The Cardinals had won nine of 10. They headed back to St. Louis, where ace Adam Wainwright will have an MRI on Monday to see how long his injured Achilles and left ankle will sideline him — there is speculation he could miss the rest of the season.

Mike Blazek (1-0) pitched two innings for the victory. Starter Mike Fiers gave up one earned run on nine hits and two walks in four-plus innings.

Lance Lynn (1-2) allowed six runs on 10 hits in five innings.

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CUBS 5, REDS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rookie Addison Russell doubled with the bases loaded — one of his best moments during his first week in the majors — as the Cubs held on for a victory and a sweep of their rain-shortened series against the Reds.

The 21-year-old second baseman was in a slump when he broke the game open with his three-run double in the fourth inning

off Anthony DeSclafani (2-1). Miguel Montero had a solo homer and a run-scoring single off DeSclafani, who had a streak of 16 scoreless innings snapped. Jake Arrieta (3-1) pitched six innings after waiting out a 4-hour, 13-minute delay before the Reds called off Saturday's game because of persistent rain.

PADRES 3, DODGERS 1

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bran-

don Morrow pitched seven strong innings to earn his first win with San Diego, and Alexi Amarista and Derrek Norris homered as the Padres beat the NL-West leading Dodgers to snap a four-game skid.

Morrow (1-0), signed as a free agent in December, held the Dodgers to one run and five hits while striking out four and walking one. □



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Ko wins Swinging Skirts for 2nd straight year

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DALY CITY, Calif. (AP) — Lydia Ko twice thought someone else would leave Lake Merced with the trophy this year.

She was on the putting green listening for a cheer if Morgan Pressel were to make a 15-foot birdie putt in regulation to win the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic.

Ko heard nothing.

In a playoff, she could only watch as Pressel stood over a 10-foot birdie putt for the win.

It grazed the edge of the cup.

With the tournament finally in her capable hands, Ko rolled in a 5-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to beat Pressel on the second playoff hole and cap off another birthday week in style. She turned 18 on Friday and is only getting better.

She played the par-5 closing hole at Lake Merced three times and made birdie twice, the first one an 8-foot putt in regulation for a 2-under 70 that set up the playoff. Pressel played it three times and made par. Knowing that Ko was in tight for a likely birdie on

the second playoff hole, Pressel missed from 8 feet.

The finish was inevitable. If the South Korean-born Kiwi isn't winning, she's always around the top of the leaderboard. Given one too many chances, Ko converted.

"It's always a close one whenever I play this event," Ko said. "Last year was the first time that every little shot counts."

A year ago, Ko had to make a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th to hold on for a one-shot victory. This one was even tighter, and Ko had reason to believe this wouldn't be her week when she followed a 40-foot birdie putt on the par-3 15th by making a sloppy bogey on the 16th and missing a 6-foot birdie putt on the 17th.

"I said, 'If I want to put some pressure, I need to make a birdie or better on 18,'" Ko said.

"Ended up being good for that. But yeah, this tournament always makes my heart clench. I got so nervous. It's a good thing they're going in the hole." It was a tough loss for Pressel, whose last victory was in 2008 at the Kapalua LPGA



Lydia Ko of New Zealand poses for a photo with her trophy after winning the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic golf tournament Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Daly City, Calif.

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Classic. She had a two-shot lead with four holes to play until making back-to-back bogeys, and then failing to make a birdie on the 18th. The par-5 closing hole could not be reached in two, so it effectively came down to a wedge and a putt.

"I just couldn't convert the putts," Pressel said. "It all comes down to putting. She birdied it twice and I didn't."

Brooke Henderson, the 17-year-old Canadian,

holed a bunker shot for eagle on the par-5 14th to stay close to the lead and she had a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole to join the playoff. It missed on the low side and she had to settle for a 74.

Ko, already the No. 1 player in women's golf, moved to the top of the LPGA Tour money list with her second LPGA Tour win this year. But it was hard work. She opened with a pair of bogeys. She never had the lead until making her win-

ning putt on the 20th hole of the day.

"At the start of the day, I didn't know how it was going to go," Ko said. "It's been a great birthday week again."

Ko, who matched Pressel at 8-under 280, earned \$300,000.

She played slightly more aggressively the third time around on the 18th, going with a 3-iron hybrid on her second shot that allowed her to close the face on a 54-degree wedge and swing hard, instead of easing off a pitching wedge the previous two times. It paid off for her.

Henderson made two bogeys in three holes to fall out of the lead for the first time since Friday morning. The Canadian never caught up, though she was never out of it until missing her birdie putt on the final hole.

"It was one of the least nervous putts I had all day," Henderson said. "I could see it going in in my mind, but it didn't happen in real life."

She headed for Texas to try to Monday qualify for the next LPGA event. Finishing in the top 10 only makes a player eligible for the next tournament if she is an LPGA member. Henderson last year was denied a waiver to the LPGA's minimum age requirement of 18.

Pressel took the lead by making pars, and she started to seize control when she rolled in a 45-foot eagle putt on No. 6 for a two-shot lead. But she missed three short putts on the front nine — two for birdie, one for par — that kept her from getting a little more separation.

The final hour took shape with three big shots. Henderson holed her bunker shot for eagle on the 14th to reach 8 under and get within one shot of the lead. Moments later, Pressel got up-and-down from behind the green to get to 10 under and, in the group ahead of them, Ko made her big birdie putt to reach 8 under.

But then it got messy. □

Felipe's second-half header gives Red Bulls 1-1 draw with LA

HARRISON, New Jersey (AP) — Brazilian midfielder Felipe headed in a second-half goal to give the Red Bulls a 1-1 draw with the Los Angeles Galaxy on Sunday, leaving New York as Major League Soccer's only undefeated team.

Bradford Jamieson scored his first MLS goal in the 9th minute for the Galaxy after turning around defender Chris Duvall and beating goalkeeper Luis Robles with a shot from the left side of the box. Felipe, acquired from Montreal in January, scored his first goal with New York in the 58th minute when defender A.J. DeLaGarza's clearing attempt in the box hit him in the face and went into the net. Toronto FC 2, Orlando City

Orlando City 2-0 to end a four-game losing streak.

Altidore played a quick free kick near midfield to Sebastian Giovinco in the 50th minute, who returned the ball to Altidore, who rounded a defender and rolled in a goal off the far post. Altidore added another in the 83rd after getting wrong footing two Orlando defenders.

Seattle 1, Portland 0

Seattle's Clint Dempsey again got the better of Portland, scoring in his fourth straight game against with a 77th-minute goal in the Sounders' 1-0 victory over the Timbers. Nearly 40 years to the day of the first meeting between the Timbers and Sounders,

Dempsey made sure Seattle would come away with the victory in the 89th meeting between the sides. □



Seattle Sounders' Clint Dempsey watches his goal after getting past Portland Timbers goalkeeper Adam Kwarasey, lower left, in the second half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Seattle.

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Forget the watch:

Apple's iPhones are still the main event

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The iPhone is still the engine behind Apple's phenomenal success, even as attention turned to its new smart-watch in recent weeks. While skeptics question whether the company's future is tied too much to one product, the iPhone's popularity was the reason Apple turned in another blow-out financial report Monday. The results far surpassed most analysts' expectations for the first three months of the year, when sales traditionally fall from their holiday-season peak. Apple sold more than 61 million iPhones in the quarter, accounting for more than two-thirds of its \$58 billion in revenue for the quarter and the lion's share of its \$13.6 billion in profit. As expected, the numbers were down from the previous quarter, when holiday shoppers bought a record 74 million of Apple's new iPhone 6, 6 Plus and older models. But the 61 million was a 40 percent increase over the number of iPhones sold in the first three months of 2014.

"We're seeing great results all over the world," Apple chief financial officer Luca Maestri told The Associated Press, adding that iPhone sales grew 72 percent in China, where the company has big hopes for expansion.

Other products played a much smaller role. Revenue from Mac computers rose 2 percent from a year earlier, to \$5.6 billion, while iPad revenue fell 29 percent, to \$5.4 billion — continuing a steady decline in tablet sales.



In this May 11, 2012 file photo, travelers pass the Apple store at New York's Grand Central Terminal. Apple reports quarterly financial results on Monday, April 27, 2015.

Associated Press

Apple didn't report any results for the new Apple Watch, which it began selling this month, after the quarter ended. Maestri said customer response had been "positive." Analysts estimate about 2 million have sold to date, suggesting early demand is healthy but not of blockbuster proportions.

The iPhone is another story. Since it began offering models with bigger screens last fall, Apple has vied with South Korea's Samsung for the No. 1 position in the global smartphone market. By some estimates, Apple outsold Samsung in the quarter that ended in December, and analysts will be watching closely when Samsung reports its latest results this week.

Apple also announced an expansion of its effort to return more of its sizable cash war chest to investors. The company said it will raise its quarterly dividend by

11 percent, to 52 cents a share, and has increased a \$90 billion stock buy-back program to \$140 billion. In total, the company said the program will return \$200 billion to investors by the end of March 2017.

As iPhone sales have surged, so has Apple's stock. Apple shares have gained more than 50 percent over the last year, making it the world's most valuable company. The stock closed Monday at \$132.65, up 1.8 percent for the day, and was rising in late trading.

The iPhone isn't just Apple's "dominant product," said Frank Gillett, a tech industry analyst at Forrester Research. "It's more than anything else what's driving the success of their company."

Market researchers, however, expect smartphone growth to slow down worldwide this year, particularly at the higher price range

where Apple competes, as most consumers in industrialized countries have already bought one. That could make it difficult for Apple to maintain its recent pace.

"They're extremely dependent on the iPhone," said investment Colin Gillis at BGC Partners. "At some point, the market dynamics change," he said, adding that "the question is what could replace the iPhone" if sales begin to slow.

Apple CEO Tim Cook has said he's optimistic about new markets such as China, where Apple has made a strong showing against Samsung and China's Xiaomi. And even if Apple is increasingly selling new iPhones to people who are simply upgrading older models, "that's still a pretty healthy market," said Gartner analyst Van Baker, noting that more than 700 million iPhones have been sold since the first model was introduced in 2007.

Maestri also stressed the potential for new products like Apple Watch and Apple Pay, the company's mobile payment service. □

Discover discovers Apple Pay for its US cardholders

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. users of Discover cards are getting their Apple Pay, the last holdout among major credit card networks in the country.

After months of complaints from customers, Discover Financial Services announced Monday that it has reached an agreement with Apple Inc. that will let its cardholders make payments in participating stores through Apple Pay by using an iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus or Apple Watch.

With Apple Pay, credit

card numbers are not stored on the device or on Apple servers. A unique device account number is assigned and each transaction is authorized with a one-time unique security code. Apple Pay launched in October.

"As the mobile payments landscape matures, Discover remains committed to giving cardmembers secure options for using their cards and mobile devices," Diane Offereins, Discover's president of payment services, said in a printed statement. □

Burger King heats it up with new Whopper; sales surge

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The home of the Whopper enjoyed its biggest sales jump in nearly a decade in the U.S. and Canada during the first quarter, boosted by a pricier new flavor of its signature burger and an ongoing 2 for \$5 promotion. Burger King's sales rose 6.9 percent at established locations in the U.S. and Canada, parent company Restaurant Brands International said Monday. The com-

pany, which also owns Tim Hortons doughnut chain, declined to say whether the increase at Burger King was driven by higher average spending or an uptick in customer traffic, which is a key indicator of health. In a phone interview, Restaurant Brands CEO Daniel Schwartz cited a variety of factors for the sales increase at Burger King, including a spicy BLT Whopper that has a suggested retail price of \$4.99 — which is a dollar more than a regular Whopper. Schwartz said the of-

fering also illustrated how the chain is giving customers something new without really complicating kitchen operations with too many additional ingredients. Sales were also helped by a premium A1 Ultimate Bacon Cheeseburger, marketing during the NCAA championships and healthy sales at breakfast, which Schwartz said accounts for about 13 to 14 percent of sales. "We said it in the past — there's no silver bullet," Schwartz said in a phone

interview. The company has also been pushing for franchisees to remodel restaurants, with 40 percent of locations now remodeled, he said. The showing comes as rival McDonald's has been fighting to hold onto customers, with sales at established U.S. locations falling 2.6 percent during the first three months of the year. Taco Bell, which is benefiting from the launch of a national breakfast menu, saw sales rise 6 percent dur-

ing the period, according to parent company Yum Brands Inc. While Burger King has been striking franchising deals to expand internationally, the company said the number of locations in the U.S. has been flat to slightly down at around 7,000 stores. McDonald's, which has more than 14,300 in the U.S. and more than 36,200 around the world, has said it would slow its global expansion as it works on fixing its business. □

Wall Street slumps at start of busy week for earnings



Trader Edward Curran, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday. U.S. stocks slumped on Monday as investors looked ahead to a flood of earnings reports this week. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks slumped on Monday as investors looked ahead

to a flood of earnings reports this week. Stocks appeared headed for new highs in the morning, but drifted lower in afternoon as health care

companies dropped sharply. Mylan, a maker of generic drugs, slumped nearly 6 percent. It was a downbeat note after strong gains last week, capped by a

new record in the Nasdaq composite, 15 years after its dot-com era peak.

With little news moving markets, "I think we have some profit-taking here," said chief stock strategist Phil Orlando of Federated Investors as stocks started dropping in the afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 42.17 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 18,037.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.77 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,108.92. The Nasdaq fell 31.84 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,060.25. The drops were broad, with seven of the 10 industry sectors of the S&P 500 down for day. Health care stocks fell the most, down 1.8 percent. One bright spot was Dow index component DuPont, which rose 4.6 percent after activist investor Nelson Peltz gained a powerful backer Monday in his effort to split the chemical maker into two companies. Proxy

advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services recommended shareholders give the billionaire investor two seats on DuPont's board.

More than 150 companies in the S&P 500 report quarterly results this week, including Ford, Visa, Pfizer and Exxon Mobil. Investors are anxious because falling oil prices and a strengthening dollar have hammered first-quarter results at some companies. Per-share earnings for the S&P 500 are expected to fall 0.8 percent from a year earlier, according to S&P Capital IQ, a provider of financial data.

That would be the first drop since 2009, though it is better than the 2.4 percent drop expected two months ago.

Investors are also worried about slumping revenue at many companies, thanks in part to the stronger dollar. □

Mylan rejects Teva's \$40.1 billion buyout offer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mylan N.V. rejected Teva Pharmaceuticals' \$40.1 billion buyout offer, saying the cash-and-stock proposal undervalues the company. Mylan said that it won't think about starting talks unless Teva offers more than \$100 per share, far above its current offer of \$82 per share. After the rejection Teva said it is committed to completing the

deal and that a sale to Teva is Mylan's best option. The rejection comes as both Mylan and Teva look to further consolidate an increasingly competitive generic drug industry. Teva, the world's largest generic drug company, wants to strengthen its position by buying Mylan. Mylan is trying to buy Perrigo Co. of Ireland for about \$30 billion in cash and stock, combining

its own generic drug business with Perrigo's position in over-the-counter medications and other nonprescription products. Perrigo has rejected Mylan's offer, but the Dutch company says it stands by the bid. Mylan had previously said that Teva's bid would likely be rejected by regulators because of antitrust concerns. Its statement Monday went further, saying

a Teva buyout would "expose Mylan to a problematic culture and leadership with a poor record of delivering shareholder value." Rumors that Teva would try to buy Mylan have circulated since early March, boosting the price of Mylan stock. Teva's offer represents a 48-percent premium from their March 10 closing price, and a 21-percent premium

from their close on April 20. Teva went public with its offer the next day. Shares of Mylan fell \$2.31, or 3 percent, to \$73.75 in midday trading Monday. In a research note published Friday, RBC Capital Markets analyst Randall Stanicky said he thinks the Teva will have an easier time raising its offer for Mylan than Mylan would in raising its offer for Perrigo. □

The Talented Mr. Rubio



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Political audiences always like patriotic rhetoric, but as several reporters have noticed, this year's Republican audiences have a special hunger for it. The phrase "American exceptionalism" has become a rallying cry. There is a common feeling on the right that the American idea is losing force and focus, that the American dream is slipping out of reach, that America is stepping back from its traditional role in the world and that President Barack Obama doesn't forthrightly champion the American gospel.

Even more than normal, Republicans seem to want their candidate for president to be drenched in the red, white and blue.

Along comes Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida. Rubio, 43, doesn't just speak in the ardent patriotic tones common to the children of immigrants like himself. His very life is the embodiment of the American dream: parents who tended bar and worked at Kmart with a son who rose to become a U.S. senator. His heritage demonstrates that the American dream is open to all who come here legally and work hard. He is what many Republicans want their country to be.

So there is beginning to be a certain charisma to his presidential campaign. It is not necessarily showing up in outright support. The first-term senator still shows up only with 8.3 percent support on the Real Clear Politics average of 2016 Republican presidential nomination polls, leaving him tied for fifth in the field. But primary voters are open to him; the upside is large.

As Harry Enten of FiveThirtyEight pointed out, Rubio's net favorable/unfavorable rating is higher than every other candidate except Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin. Philosophically, he is at the center of the party. In an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, 56 percent of Republican primary voters said they could see themselves supporting him even if he wasn't their first choice at the time, which put him above every other candidate.

So it's probably right to see Rubio as the second most likely nominee, slightly behind Jeb Bush and slightly ahead of Walker.

He is, for starters, the most talented politician in the race. Set aside who has the most money and who has the best infrastructure. (Overrated assets at this

stage in the race.) Set aside the ideological buckets we pundits like to divide the candidates into. (Voters are not that attuned to factional distinctions.) In most primary battles, the crown goes to the most talented plausible candidate.

Rubio gives a very good speech. He has an upbeat and pleasant demeanor. He has a great personal story. His policy agenda is more detailed and creative than any of his rivals. He has an overarching argument - that it is time for a new generation to reform and replace archaic structures.

The circumstances of the race might benefit him. With such a big field, nobody is going to lock up the race early. Republicans will likely be beating each other up for months while looking across the aisle and seeing Hillary Clinton coasting along. At some point, they are going to want to settle on a consensus choice.

That point may come around March 15, when Florida holds its winner-take-all primary. Rubio was virtually tied with Bush among Florida Republicans, 31 percent to 30 percent, according to a Mason-Dixon poll conducted last week. If Bush is bloodied in the earlier primaries, Rubio could win Florida and loom as a giant.

His weaknesses are not killers. Rubio's past support for comprehensive immigration reform irks activists. But it's not clear if it will hurt him with the voters who are more divided on reform. According to a Pew Research Center survey conducted last year, 66 percent of Republicans believed that unauthorized immigrants should be eligible for citizenship if they meet certain criteria. Immigration reform didn't kill John McCain's candidacy seven years ago.

Rubio's inexperience concerns everybody. But at least he was speaker of the Florida House. As Jim Geraghty of National Review has detailed, his record running that body was pretty good. He was a tough but reasonably successful negotiator. On his first day in office, he handed each legislator a book with the cover "100 Innovative Ideas for Florida's Future." The pages were blank. He was inviting his members to fill them in - a nice collaborative touch.

Can Rubio win a general election? Well, he believes more in expanding the party than in just mobilizing the base. In his past races, he's done better than generic Republican candidates because of his success with Hispanics. Youth is America's oldest tradition. Who's to say that voters won't side for the relative outsider over the know-what-you're-getting Hillary Clinton?

One big test for Rubio is this: Are Americans disillusioned with government or just disgusted? If they are disillusioned, they would likely want to play it safe and go with the experienced, low-risk candidates, Bush and Clinton. If they are disgusted, then they would be more likely to take a flier on change. The New American could be the guy. □



Lessons From #RaceTogether



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Howard Schultz has a way of making a believer out of you.

I first found this out in 2008, when I was writing the Talking Business column for the Business Day section of The New York Times. With Starbucks floundering, Schultz, who was then the company's chairman, had fired the chief executive and retaken the position, which he hadn't held since 2000. The question I asked, in a somewhat snarky column, was whether he was still "the right guy to bring Starbucks back."

Not long afterward, Schultz asked me to meet him in New York. Instead of berating me, or even arguing with me, he simply told me his story, a story that began in the housing projects of Canarsie, Brooklyn, where he grew up poor, and ended in Seattle, where he bought a tiny coffee chain and turned it into, well, Starbucks.

What I remember most about that conversation was Schultz's insistence that Starbucks could not be just another faceless corporation. It had to be a company with values. Hence his insistence that part-time employees get company-sponsored health care. Or the company's early stance in giving benefits to same-sex partners. Or granting stock options to baristas. Listening to

him, there could be no doubting his sincerity - or his passion.

I turned out to be completely wrong in questioning his ability to return Starbucks to financial strength; its market value today is around \$72 billion, up from \$5.3 billion in 2008. And I admit, as I've gotten to know him better, I've lost much of the skepticism I might have once had about his powerful sense of social mission. In recent years, he has tried to use his voice - and Starbucks' footprint, as he likes to call it - to help not just his employees but the country. In 2011, fed up with political polarization, he called for a political contribution boycott until the two parties began to work together again. With the economy stagnant, he began an effort to make small business loans, partly with money from the Starbucks Foundation and partly with customer contributions. Last year, his concern for the plight of veterans led him to co-author a book about veterans with Rajiv Chandrasekaran, who covered the Iraq war for The Washington Post; make a \$30 million contribution toward veterans' efforts from his family foundation; and vow to employ 10,000 veterans. (Chandrasekaran became such a believer that he left The Post to start a media company, in association with Starbucks, that will use storytelling to tackle important social issues.) Some of these ideas were stronger than others, but they were all genuine attempts to make a difference, rather than corporate gimmicks.

All of which brings me, inevitably, to his latest initiative, on race relations. Last month, Schultz started something he called Starbucks' Race Together campaign, suggesting that baristas write #RaceTogether on coffee cups, and see where that led. It backfired. "Honest to God, if you start to engage me in a race conversation before I've had my morning coffee, it will not end well," tweeted

Gwen Ifill, the co-anchor of "PBS NewsHour." And that was one of the tamer tweets. Schultz was mocked for, essentially, being a middle-aged white guy who was tackling a subject that was beyond his ken - or that was inappropriate for a corporation.

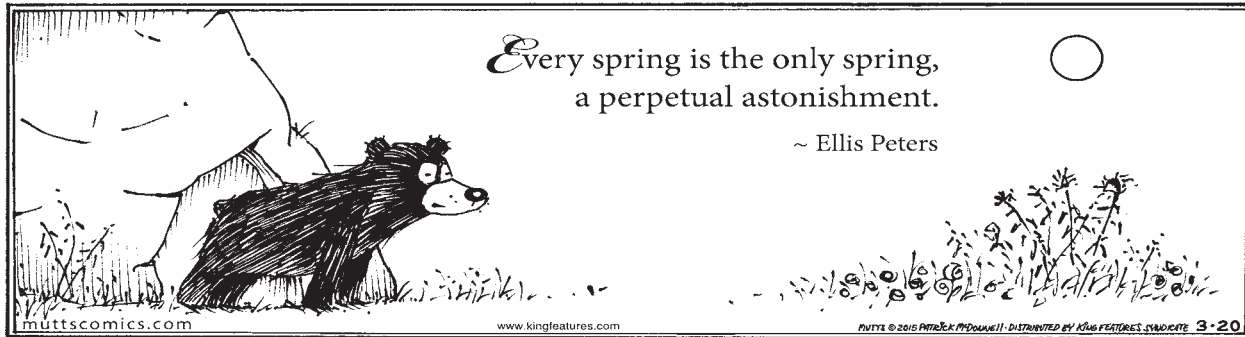
But I think that, despite the mistakes with Race Together, Schultz's actions over the past few years have earned him the benefit of the doubt. He is the rare chief executive who is willing to stand for more than quarterly profits, and isn't that what we want from our corporate chieftains? And whatever mistakes Starbucks made in rolling out its campaign on race, it will learn from them.

So will Schultz, who says he has no intention of turning back. So far, he has held 10 forums for employees to speak their mind on race relations; I watched a tape of a recent one in Atlanta. It was raw, visceral and, at times, deeply moving. He has promised that Starbucks will hire 10,000 youths who are neither in school nor in the workforce. He is going to open stores in disadvantaged neighborhoods, including in Ferguson, Missouri. All of his initiatives are geared toward one ultimate goal: to re-establish the American dream, "not for a select few, but for everyone," as he put it to me in an email. He wants future generations to have the same chances he had.

"I view this effort as being quintessentially Howard," said Melody Hobson, the president of Ariel Investments, who sits on the Starbucks board. When I brought up the criticism of Schultz, Hobson, who is African-American, replied, "If he wakes up one day and decides he wants to help improve race relations, what's wrong with that? He could be doing something else. Or nothing."

Sounds like Hobson's become a believer, too. □

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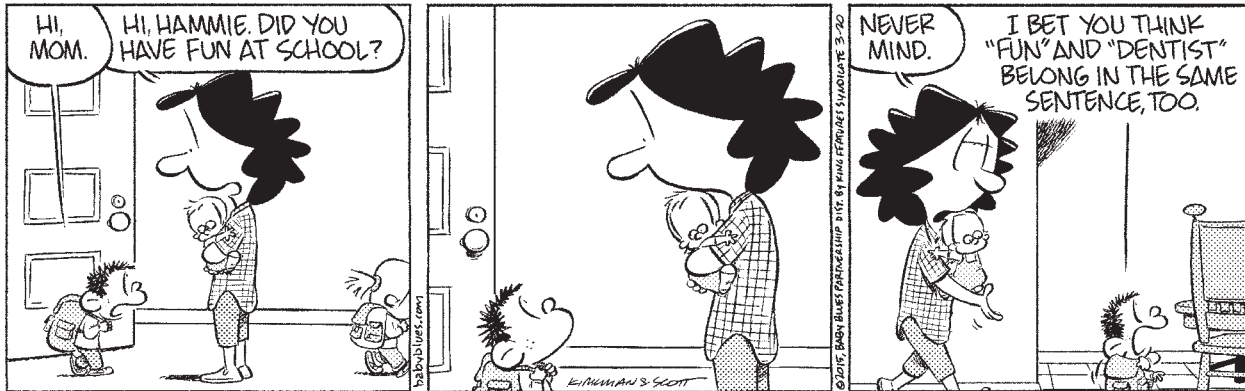
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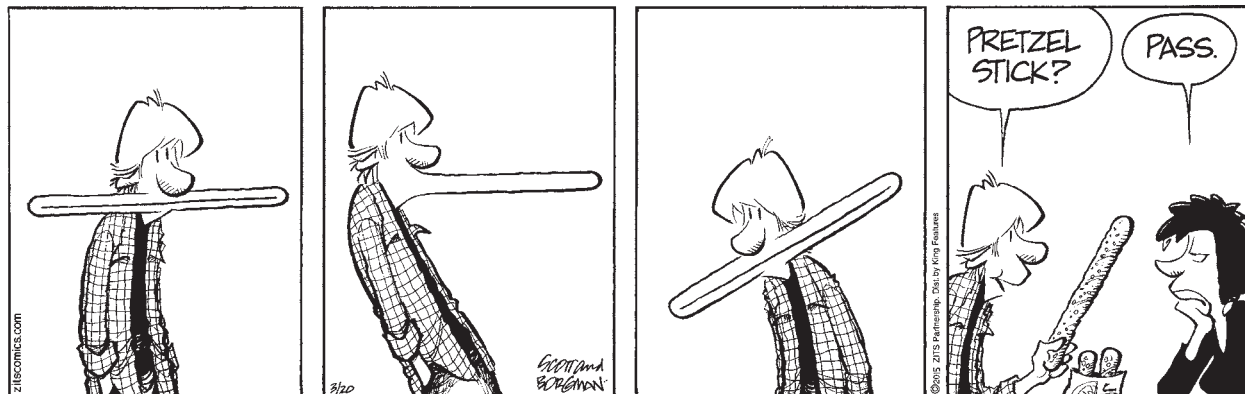
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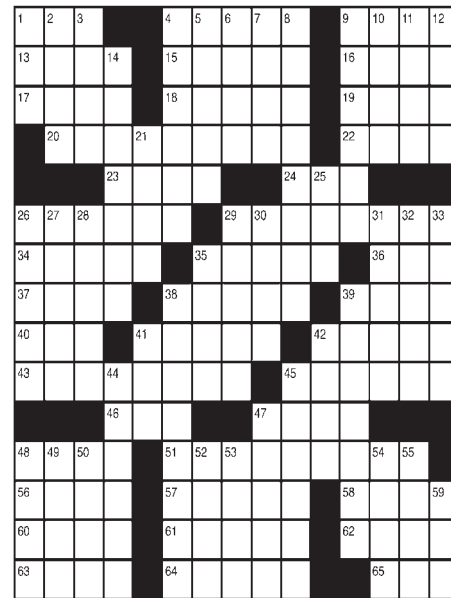
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ESPN sues Verizon over unbundling of its sports channel

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ESPN is suing Verizon in an escalating clash over how the popular sports channel is being sold in a discounted pay-TV package. The complaint filed Monday in New York's state Supreme Court alleges Verizon is breaking its contract with ESPN, owned by Walt Disney Co., by unbundling the sports channel from the main programming line-up of Verizon's FiOS TV.

The legal showdown could have ripple effects on how other pay-TV programming is packaged. Cable and satellite services are scrambling to retain subscribers as the advent of Internet video spawns new and less expensive ways to stay entertained and informed.

Verizon is allowing customers to subscribe to a bare-bones package of 35 channels for \$55 per month, with the option of adding other two other tiers of programming such as a sports package that includes ESPN. The streamlined packages are meant to appeal to budget-minded consumers weary of paying for dozens of TV channels that they rarely watch.

Pay-TV providers such as Verizon are under pressure to give subscribers cheaper and more flexible choices as they face intensifying competition from Netflix, Hulu, Amazon.com and other online services that stream TV series and movies over high-speed Internet connections.

Those market forces prompted Time Warner Inc.'s HBO, a long-time staple in pay-TV lineups, to recently begin selling an Internet-only service for \$15 per month.

"Verizon's current skirmish speaks to the trouble distributors will have in creating a slimmer package that is attractive both from an economic and content perspective," MoffettNathanson Research wrote in an analysis Monday. □

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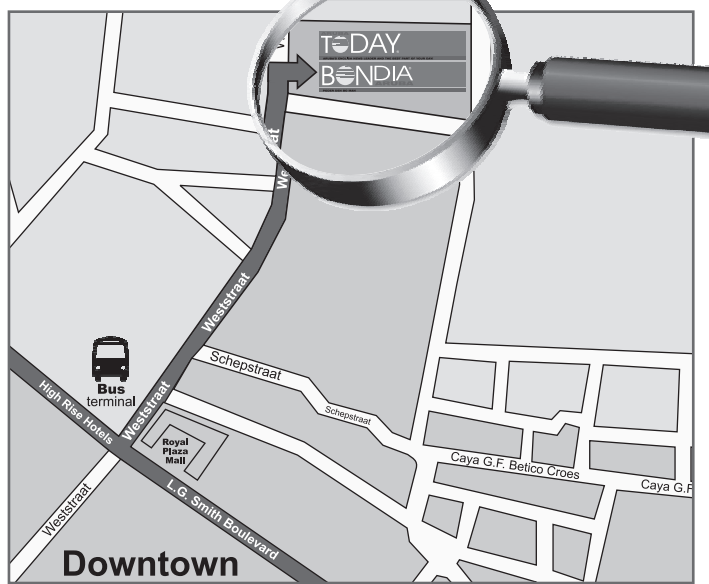
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Study blames global warming for 75 percent of very hot days

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WASHINGTON (AP) — If you find yourself sweating out a day that is monstrously hot, chances are you can blame humanity. A new report links three out of four such days to man's effects on climate.

And as climate change worsens around mid-century, that percentage of extremely hot days being caused by man-made greenhouse gases will push past 95 percent, according to the new study published Monday in the journal *Nature Climate Change*.

Humans have not had as great an effect on heavy downpours, though. The Swiss scientists who did the study calculated that 18 percent of extreme rain events are caused by global warming. But if the world warms another two degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) — expected to happen around mid-century — about 39 percent of the downpours would be attributed to humanity's influence, according to the study. That influence comes from greenhouse gases, mostly carbon dioxide from the burning of coal, oil and gas.

"This new study helps get the actual probability or odds of human influence," said University of Arizona climate scientist Jonathan Overpeck, who wasn't part of the research. "This is key: If you don't like hot temperature extremes that we're getting, you now know how you can reduce the odds of such events by reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

Lead author Erich Fischer, a climate scientist at ETH Zurich, a Swiss university, and colleague Reto Knutti



In this Jan. 29, 2015 file photo, children play under the water that they manage to spill over from a water tank, to cool off from the summer heat, at the Alemao Complex slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

examined just the hottest of hot days, the hottest one-tenth of one percent. Using 25 different computer models. Fischer and Knutti simulated a world without human-caused greenhouse gas emissions and found those hot days happened once every three years.

Then they calculated how many times they happen with the current level of

heat-trapping gases and the number increases to four days. So three of the four are human caused, the team said.

And when the scientists dialed up the greenhouse gases — using current pollution trends — to simulate a world about mid-century, they got 26 of those super-hot days, "almost a whole month," Fischer said.

The figures that Fischer and

Knutti calculated are global estimates. The margins of error, plus or minus about 13 percent with current hot days, grow larger when smaller regions are considered. However, they found Africa and South America now have the highest percentages of unusual hot days that could be blamed on human influence, 89 percent and 88 percent respectively. Europe, at

63 percent, and North America, with 67 percent, come in at the lowest. By mid-century, if emissions continue at current pace, all continents will be able blame at least 93 percent of super hot days on humans.

Half a dozen outside scientists praised the study as valid, elegant and important.

When people ask if a single weird weather event is due to human activity or just natural variation, that's the wrong question because both factors are always involved, said Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer, who wasn't part of the study but praised it heavily. This study, he said, asks the right question: "How much of the change is due to human activity and how much is natural variation?" And once that percentage of damages, costs and deaths can be attributed to human influence, it's easier for governments to put a price on carbon dioxide emissions in an effort to control global warming, said Duke University climate scientist Drew Shindell. □

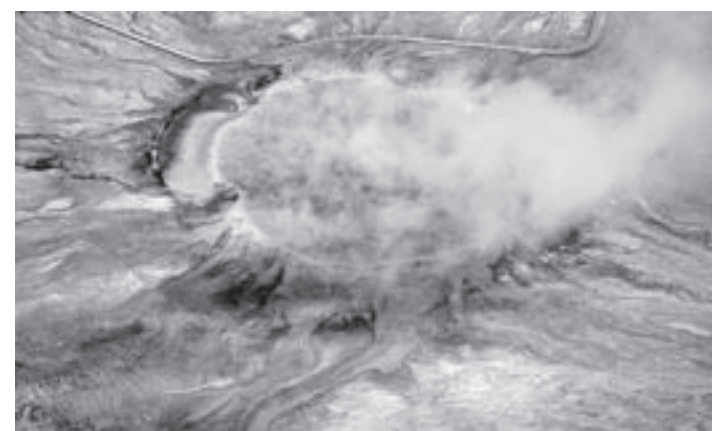
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Huge magma chamber spied under Yellowstone supervolcano

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists have spied a vast reservoir of hot, partly molten rock beneath the supervolcano at Yellowstone National Park that's big enough to fill the Grand Canyon 11 times over.

The newly discovered magma chamber — located up to 28 miles (45 kilometers) underground — is

four times bigger than the previously known chamber above it, according to imaging by researchers at the University of Utah. The discovery fills a missing link in Yellowstone's volcanic plumbing system. But scientists said it doesn't increase the risk of an eruption, which is estimated to happen every 700,000 years. □



This undated photo provided by Robert B. Smith shows the Grand Prismatic hot spring in Yellowstone National Park's that is among the park's myriad hydrothermal features created by the fact that Yellowstone is a supervolcano, the largest type of volcano on Earth.

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'Furious 7' holds on to box office; 'Age of Ultron' looms

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Furious 7" enjoyed a victory lap over the weekend, becoming only the third film ever to make \$1 billion internationally and leading the domestic box office for the fourth straight week. But the movie that's poised to topple the Universal juggernaut, Marvel's "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," revved up overseas with a massive \$201.2 million debut.

In North American theaters, "Furious 7" had enough left in the tank to top all films with an estimated \$18.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. While the film has been a huge domestic hit, it's been even bigger abroad — particularly in China, where it's set a record with \$323 million. "Furious 7," a film whose fate was once in doubt after the death of star Paul Walker midway through shooting, has now made



This undated file photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, Paul Walker as Brian, in a scene from "Furious 7."

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\$1.3 billion globally. Only two other films, both by James Cameron — "Avatar" and "Titanic" — have made more money internationally than "Furious 7." "Furious 7" has had little competition to challenge it throughout April. This weekend, the only new wide re-

lease was the Blake Lively fantasy romance "The Age of Adaline." The Lionsgate and Lakeshore Entertainment release came in third with \$13.4 million. The Sony comedy "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2" held up stronger than expected to take second place with \$15.5 million

in its second week.

But the reign of "Furious 7" is effectively over now that the highly anticipated "Avengers" sequel is on the way. Though it doesn't open in North America until Thursday night, it debuted in 44 countries and territories this weekend. That

represents about half of its international rollout.

Disney said the film is exceeding the pace of 2012's "The Avengers" by 44 percent in the places it has opened. Joss Whedon's first installment of the superhero team-up franchise, starring Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson and many others, made \$1.5 billion worldwide, good for third all-time.

With two enormous blockbusters covering much of the globe, the summer movie season is ready to officially begin next weekend. In the meantime, a few smaller films carved out more limited releases.

Russell Crowe's directorial debut, "The Water Diviner," opened in 320 locations with \$1.3 million. The critically acclaimed indie science-fiction drama "Ex Machina" expanded to 1,255 screens in its second week of release and earned \$5.4 million. □

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A new Vision for Paul Bettany in 'Avengers'

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BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Paul Bettany couldn't hear anything.

When the 43-year-old actor initially donned a noggin-encasing headpiece to portray the mysterious Vision in "Avengers: Age of Ultron," in theaters Friday, Bettany could barely make out what anyone was saying around him. That isolation ended up fueling his imposing performance in the follow-up to the 2012 smash that brought together Marvel's mightiest heroes.

"I would go to a place of real Zen, where I meditated on the line of thousands and thousands of actors that would love to be in my position in an uncomfortable suit," said Bettany in a recent interview at Disney Studios. "However, I would be lying to say it didn't take a great deal of (expletive) effort not to rip it off. They ended up drilling holes in it because I literally couldn't hear anything."

After five years of voicing Tony Stark's soothing operating system sidekick J.A.R.V.I.S. in the previous "Avengers" and "Iron Man" films, Bettany's role as the purple-skinned Vision marks



In this Saturday, April 11, 2015 photo, Paul Bettany poses during a portrait session for "Avengers: Age of Ultron" at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.

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the first time in front of the cameras in a Marvel film for the lanky British actor best known for starring in such films as "Wimbeldon," "The Da Vinci Code" and "Priest."

"The first day I walked on set, Robert (Downey Jr.) made a lovely speech welcoming me," said Bettany. "Everybody was completely convivial and pleasant. They were making jokes — or at least I think they were making jokes because I couldn't hear a (expletive) thing. It's actually a really nice atmosphere on those

sets. Often, it's not like that."

Bettany is portraying perhaps the best-kept secret of the second "Avengers" outing. In the comics, the commanding Vision is a type of android dubbed a "synthzoid" by Ultron, the nefarious robot that created him. The cinematic rendition is similarly fashioned by Ultron (played by James Spader as an evil artificial intelligence program).

However, this Vision might not be what he seems.

"He's an android, technically, but I would say he's

what's next," said writer-director Joss Whedon. "He's more evolved than the rest of us, which may prove to be a good thing or not. To me, this Vision feels like what it meant to me to read him as a kid. He has that calm distance but is also strangely emotional. Paul is just sooooo phenomenal as him." The critics apparently agree. Todd McCarthy of The Hollywood Reporter wrote in his review of "Age of Ultron" that "Vision is given a striking profile and overall presence by Paul Bettany, and it can be hoped, if not assumed, that this most intriguing character will play an even more important role in the final two 'Avengers' installments."

It's a new chapter that's been years in the making for Bettany.

"I knew that I was going to be the Vision for three years because there was a bit of business to do," said Bettany. "The contract for voiceover work wasn't the same, so I knew that for a long time and had to keep it secret, which I did really well. I had to travel everywhere on set in a (expletive) bag because there were so many cameras everywhere."

Transforming into Vision was a three-and-a-half-hour-long process each day for Bettany that involved a skintight suit, lots of make-up, a bit of computer-generated flair and that metallic headpiece. Bettany noted "the solution is often in the problem itself," and that the oppressive costume provided a sense of calm to his interpretation of the Vision.

"I never thought I was going to play someone being born, obviously, because I'm 43 years old," said Bettany. "It's actually a really interesting opportunity and peculiarly edifying to imagine yourself as a total innocent without any moral compass experiencing the world as it hits you, and at the same time be omnipotent and extraordinarily powerful."

The character, who is romantically involved with Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen) in the comics, is expected to play a part in the upcoming "Avengers" sequels: "Infinity War — Part I" in 2018 and "Infinity War — Part II" in 2019. Bettany acknowledged he doesn't totally know Marvel's grand vision for Vision — and he doesn't want to hear it just yet, either. □



Mexican and American actress Salma Hayek poses for photographers as she arrives to her international premiere film "The Prophet," an animated feature film she co-produced, in Beirut, Lebanon, Monday, April 27, 2015.

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BEIRUT (AP) — Salma Hayek said on Monday that the animated feature film "The Prophet" she co-produced has been a personal pas-

sion project, one she hopes can inspire young viewers to think outside the box about ways to improve the world.

Hayek is visiting Lebanon, her ancestral homeland,

Salma Hayek hopes 'The Prophet' inspires new generations

for the international premiere of the film, written and directed by Roger Allers, the maker of the Disney production "The Lion King."

Hayek told The Associated Press that the movie has a "message of peace."

"I think the whole world could use a little bit of message of peace, and more than a message of peace, to watch something that's uplifting for the spirit and joyous, and that you can share with your family," Hayek said as she walked down the red carpet for the movie premiere in a downtown Beirut cinema complex.

The film tells the story of Al-

mitra, a young girl who finds the voice she lost through her friendship with Mustafa, a poet imprisoned for his ideas. Hayek also provides the voice of the girl's mother, Kamila.

The story is based on the "The Prophet," a book written in 1923 by iconic Lebanese writer Khalil Gibran that has inspired generations of artists. The book, a series of poems about love, joy, sorrow, and work, has been translated into at least 40 languages and has never been out of print.

The film is divided into chapters illustrated by various animators. The score is by Gabriel Yared, the French composer of Leba-

nese descent who won an Oscar for his work on the "English Patient."

Speaking to reporters Monday, Hayek, whose paternal grandparents are Lebanese, described the film as "a love letter to my heritage" that will hopefully encourage new generations to think differently.

"Through this book I got to know my grandfather. Through this book I got to have my grandfather teaching me about life. So it is a very personal movie for me," Hayek told reporters in Beirut ahead of the movie's premiere.

The film opens in cinemas in the United States in August. □

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